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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1892.

## SIX PAGES.

There is very little that is noteworthy in Mr. Harrison's message, but that which is, is characteristic. When an Indiana politician and a Senator he was foremost in the ranks of South-haters and loudest in his clamor for a Force bill. As President he maintained all his virulence in this regard until within the past few months, when he was fooled into believing he might debase some of the Southern States by pretending to modify his views upon this point. Accordingly, in the hope that he might benefit his candidacy, he readily brought what he calls his convictions to the altar of political necessity, and there sacrificed them to a hybrid commission that could not possibly accomplish either harm or good. Having sold out and failed to get his price, he now manifests a desire to get back into the old fold of Reeds, Hoars, Boutelles, "et id omne genus." The passage which he gives to this text is about the only part of his message that can hope to save it from the fate of the most diluted of common place and a journey to the trunk market. Strike out this passage, which should never have been inserted, and a week hence no one would know there had been a President's message.

The general impression in Washington of Mr. Harrison's valedictory message to Congress is that the President had learned nothing and forgotten nothing except the Force bill. It is a sign of some capacity to rise above his dyed-in-the-wool Bourbonism that he should have forgotten that. It may be that now that he has made a start in learning something of the popular will, he will keep on until he becomes a regular Tariff Reformer. Unfortunately, though, Mr. Harrison cannot appreciate the fact that the war is over, and therefore he will always be more or less of a bloody shirt waver and a narrow-minded sectionalist.

Treasury statistics show that on December 1st the gold assets in the Treasury amounted to \$27,598,465, against which \$123,000,000 in gold certificates were outstanding. This left a gold reserve of \$124,598,465, of which \$109,000,000 constituted the fund for the redemption of the greenbacks; leaving a free gold reserve of a little more than \$24,598,000 with which to meet all demands that might be made for the payment of the increasing issues of silver certificates. And yet, under the Sherman law, the Government is forced to continue buying 4,500,000 ounces of silver a month.

The New York Tribune says editorially: "The reading of President Harrison's last message attracted more than usual interest in both branches of Congress."

Considering that only about one hundred were present in the House, and most of these spent their time during the reading of the message in talking, reading and writing, the above statement must have been the child of Mr. Reid's vivid imagination rather than the truth.

Notwithstanding the fire Tuesday night which destroyed the composing room and its contents of the Philadelphia Ledger, that old reliable newspaper came out as bright and lively yesterday morning as if nothing had happened, and that paper itself had a full and lengthy account of the disaster which befell it. Mr. Childs apparently doesn't mind such a trifling thing as a \$20,000 fire, and the paper used the regular plant of the Ledger as usual last night.

The whirling of time certainly brings about most startling changes. Dr. Cohen, of Vienna, was born a Jew, the son of a village peddler. He became converted to the Roman Catholic faith, and is now archbishop of the diocese of Vienna. This is the richest diocese in Continental Europe, and its archbishop has the title of prince, with precedence over anyone in the empire except those in direct line of succession to the throne.

The President in his message significantly suggests that the work of revision of the Tariff be left to the next Congress. This means that he advises the present Republican Senate to ignore the people's will so emphatically expressed in 1890 and reiterated in 1892, and refuse to pass the measures of tariff relief now before that body. Should the Senate follow his advice it will be so much better for the Democrats.

## AN EXTRA SESSION.

There is still great demand among Democrats for an extra session of Congress, but the more careful and considerate are opposed to anything like hasty action. Our Washington correspondent, in his letter published yesterday, gives interviews with a number of Virginia congressmen upon this subject, and not one of them favored the move. Hon. George D. Wise, with his usual caution, thought that it was a question solely for the decision of Mr. Cleveland after his inauguration, but he did not think that extra sessions should ever be called unless public business imperatively demanded it. Hon. Posey G. Lester, of the Fifth district, is not a member of the Fifty-third Congress, but he thought the Democratic party should be very conservative, and consider well what effect an extra session would have upon the business interests of the country. Congressman Epps sees at this time no occasion for such a session, although he says that the question can be better decided when the full condition of affairs is known at the close of the present Congress.

These views certainly express the sentiment of the Virginians in both houses, and they are eminently characteristic. The Democracy of this State believe in going slowly in the delicate and intricate matter of reforming the tariff, and in looking carefully before they leap.

There is one very strong point of objection to an extra session, which is that the Republicans are so anxious for it. Some time ago we quoted an extract from the New York Tribune advocating the call of one by President Cleveland, and the President in his message expresses the same views. He thinly veils his advice under the guise of caring for the masses of the people by saying, after admitting that the result of the recent election must be accepted as having introduced a new policy: "It is a matter of regret that this work (of tariff revision) must be delayed at least three months, for the threat of great tariff changes introduces so much uncertainty that an amount, not easily estimated, of business inaction and of diminished production will necessarily result."

Now Mr. Harrison certainly does not volunteer this advice from any solicitude for the welfare of the Democratic party. His zeal for the public welfare is, indeed, new-born, since, during his entire administration, he has ardently advocated a system which placed the public at the mercy of a few favored individuals whose money, given them by the Republican party, was relied on to buy that party power. He and his organs are evidently hoping that the Democracy will, by too hastily changing a system of taxation to which the business interests have adjusted themselves, blunder fatally in the interests of Radicalism. Advice from such a source is plainly fraught with danger to the Democracy.

The Democrats will no doubt consider this subject of an extra session of Congress in all its bearings, and they will be very careful to make no such blunder as their enemies are relying upon. In the meantime the whole question must be determined by Mr. Cleveland, and, as all classes of the Democracy have unbounded confidence in him, whatever he may decide will be acquiesced in without dispute, in the firm belief that he will do what is best for the party and the country.

## THE DISPATCH ON CURRENCY.

Why will the Dispatch insist that those who advocate allowing State banks to issue notes if they please to do so are making war upon the national bank system?—Times.

For the reason, as we have heretofore explained, that as the tax on State banks was adopted as a means of strengthening the national banks and putting down the State banks, the removal of that tax would weaken the national banks and strengthen the State banks.—Dispatch.

Truly this is protection run mad. The Dispatch then believes that the ideal system of finance is a patchwork manufactured by legislation and proppped at every tottering corner by a penal statute. The Times takes no stock whatever in any such theory which it regards as belonging to the political economy of the man who thinks it possible to hold himself out of a third story window by his own coat tail. According to the philosophy of The Times there is but one money, which is the coin stamped and put into circulation by the Government. All of what we call paper currency is no more than promises to pay that coined money. That paper currency when issued by a national bank, or when issued by a State bank, is the same in its nature as the checks and notes which every individual citizen issues at his pleasure. There is no reason for prohibiting a State bank to issue its notes which would not prohibit a merchant to issue his. The merchant's note is in a sense as much currency as the State bank's note, both being promises to pay coined money and neither being any more or any less than this. It is not mere legislation which makes either valuable, it is confidence that the promise will be performed.

As Lord Chatham finely said, "Confidence is a plant of slow growth." Confidence is a result of evolution. It results from seeing men live continuously upright lives and punctually performing obligations. It is confidence thus secured that makes the paper put out every day by our merchants valuable supplements to our currency. It is this confidence that would come from honest and prudent management of our State banks that would make their notes valuable as currency. The currency of State banks that wins its way into popular favor through the wise and prudent management of those who direct their affairs is a currency that has grown up by the processes of evolution responding to the popular demands for currency, suiting the needs of those who want currency, and securing their confidence by daily transactions. This is the ideal currency. Currency, the handmaiden of money, is that which the people create in their daily lives and rests in their confidence and trust.

## THE DETHRONED CZAR.

Dispatches from Washington report that one of the most unnoticed members at the assembling of the House was big, burly, brutal Tom Reed. There were no flowers on his desk, and but few of his own party, while no Democrats came up to shake his hand. It was just as well that the flower part of the business was omitted, as this has descended into a mild form of an effort to use improper influences with members. Where flowers were sent by friends as testimonials to friends, they were as grateful as they were sweet and beautiful. But performers of jobs have imitated a tender in-

stinct of friendship until they have degraded the custom into something very near to an insult to the party honored. This being so the brutal ex-Speaker would have had a load of them if, in the public mind, he had any longer been capable of doing harm. The omission of flowers was, therefore, more significant perhaps than his being left in loneliness.

Reed is the most repulsive character in public life to-day. In speaking of him thus we have less in mind his partisan and brutal disregard of all private right when he was armed with the authority of the House of Representatives, than his scolding, irreverent, sneering nature. He has no love or regard for the tender, the sympathetic, the kindly side of life, but places his whole dependency in a sneer or a sarcastic frown. There is but one man in public life who approaches him in unattractive qualities and that is Chauncey F. Depew, whose repulsive elements belong, however, to the negative side of the case, instead of, like Reed's, being aggressively and positively offensive. With his perpetual grin, and his belief that the world is ruled by a jest, Depew simply wears us and makes us a little sick. No one thinks of him as playing a serious part in life, and he would be unanimously elected to the office of King's fool if that functionary still existed. But, together, they form a pair that it would be hard to match, and that no party, but such an one as the Republican party of to-day, has ever been known to possess.

M. Ribot has finally succeeded in forming a new French Cabinet, which will avert for the time the dangers threatened the Republic. Whether this new Ministry will be permanent or not the future must determine. It all depends upon themselves. Wise action on their part will allay the present excitement and restore public confidence.

## PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS.

The Shops Are Putting on Their Holiday Attire.—The Presents.

The balmy, spring-like weather of yesterday was hailed with delight by the ladies who are busily preparing for Christmas. Broad streets were thronged with shoppers, and the many dry goods establishments suffered severe invasions at the hands of the fair sex. The other shops were also visited and the holiday goods of each subjected to minute inspections.

Though The Times daily teems with advertisements as to what to buy, and the windows and show-cases help matters, yet there are many, many people who don't know "what to give."

Hundreds of maidens are racking their brains to find a solution for that all-absorbing topic, and after a tiresome day's shopping find themselves no nearer the goal of their hopes than when they started out.

It's quite an easy matter for Jack or Bob or Tom to go to the jeweler's and purchase a trinket for May, Alice or Blanche; but men always have money and so few presents to give, while with Blanche or May, they have got a certain sum, have gifts to give that when counted will reach in the twenties, and have a perfect horror of making a bill, even for a paper of hair-pins.

Thus the girl who deft fingers at this season of the year is fortunate, for with her talent for embroidery, needle-work, or paint-brush she can make many pretty little remembrances for her friends.

The corner of Seventh and Broad looked quite metropolitan at dusk. The constant passing of cars, the crowds hurrying to and fro, the lights from innumerable shops, made a veritable Broadway of one of the best-known corners in Richmond.

## The Police Court.

In the police court yesterday Justice John J. Churchill disposed of the following cases:

The charge against Albert Black (colored) of stealing clothing from B. Florsheim was dismissed, and so was that against George Johnson (colored) for stealing \$1.40 from M. B. Loving, the property of J. W. Dunn.

Samuel Morris was sent to the grand jury for stealing certain clothing from A. W. Hankins.

Thomas Winston (colored) was charged with driving into a push-cart belonging to George S. Boon. It was dismissed.

A. J. Nott paid \$2 and costs for being found drunk in the Capitol Square.

The charge against Willie Summers (colored) for stealing a hat from J. L. Greenell was dismissed.

B. S. Murtishaw was made to give \$100 security for sixty days for being drunk.

W. L. Kidd, a white youth, was sent to the reform school for disorder and vagrancy where it is hoped he will be made a good citizen.

The charge against Eddie Bowles (colored) for stealing a breastpin from J. B. Lohwarer was continued till to-day.

Matilda Ashby gave up \$2 and costs for being drunk in the Capitol Square.

George Willis was fined \$5 and costs for abusing and threatening to shoot A. G. Denby.

The next case was the most important one of the day. Malachi Allen was charged with stealing fifteen hats from A. Gray.

Allen was arrested by officers Hall, Otey, who worked up the case, and was sent to the hustings court.

Sallie Williams was fined \$2.50 and costs for abuse of E. L. Jackson, and so ended the day's session.

## Two Journals.

The members of the Church of Disciples throughout the State will no doubt hear with satisfaction that the publication of their Church organ, the Missionary Weekly, is to be resumed. The next number will be printed next Wednesday. The paper will be conducted by Rev. A. R. Moore and Rev. B. A. Abbott, with George S. Cronshaw as business manager. It is said that it starts again under very satisfactory arrangements.

The Prohibition organ, Anti-Liquor, will publish its first issue in Richmond next Thursday under the editorial management of Professor G. M. Smithdeal, who is an enthusiastic temperance worker and prohibitionist.

The outfit has been bought by Professor Smithdeal and moved to its new quarters. In the basement of the Goddin building, at the corner of Bank and Eleventh streets.

It may be conducted as a joint stock company. Professor Smithdeal proposes to keep the Prohibition idea paramount, but still at the same time to make Anti-Liquor more of a family newspaper than heretofore. It is probable that Mr. W. E. Nichols, formerly associated with the late John R. B. Smithdeal, will continue his connection with the paper.

## Do You Want a Piano?

Do you want the best? Do you want to save money? Do you want one for Christmas? The Hume-Minor Company, Ninth street, have just received a beautiful stock of high-grade instruments, which they are going to sell at greatly reduced prices for the holidays. Call early and secure a bargain. You will never have another such chance as this.

The advertising of Hood's Sarraparilla is always fully substantiated by evidence which in the financial world would be accepted without a moment's hesitation.

For a general family cathartic we confidently recommend Hood's Pills.

## TIMES DAILY FASHION HINT.

Fashionable Style of Hair Dressing Over the Forehead.



One of the current fashionable styles of hair dressing is sketched herewith. You will note that the hair is fluffed, not banged, over the forehead. If you are wise, you will not follow the modes too closely in the matter of hair, but will so modify them to suit your head. The woman in the picture, observe, has followed that rule with perfect success.

Good-bye bang, beautiful bang, bang of popularity since first the seventeenth century brought you into vogue, bang that suited all faces, that made the old young and the young old, bang so easily cut, so easily grown and so easily dressed, farewell. It is all right, and to be expected that the bang will not accept its come like that. It insists on banging, no matter how much you part it; it won't lend itself to a Psyche wave, and it won't be Greek. It serves us right. The bang, so long a willing slave, is at last asserting a will, and a won't of its own. The faithful worn has turned, and now it crows and stands up straight, and actually hoots at any attempt to make it overtake the fashion.

Do you know how the fillet was first brought about? I mean after the Greek girls, who wore it had passed away. Well, once upon a time there was a naughty lady who lived in the seventeenth century. She had the king tied around her finger, and one day when she was at a royal hunting party the wind blew her pretty hair about and threatened her head dress. Just as the other ladies were hoping a head dress army would ruin her, she took off her ribbon garter and tied it around her head, and she looked so tremendously fetching that the king was more in love than ever. Thus the fashion was set at once.

FLORETTE TEMPUS.

## DRY GOODS, &amp;c.

**THE COHEN COMPANY**  
11, 13, 15 and 17 east Broad.

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Beaver, double breasted--but all these are double breasted--black; pearl buttons, all sizes, \$5.  
Black diagonals, \$5.  
A comfortable and slightly black Wrap, \$5.50.  
Dark Tan Wrap, overcoat seams, \$6.  
Think that!  
Light Tan English check, overcoat seams, silk faced, pearl buttons. The new price, \$7.50.  
Light diagonal, tight fitting wrap, flap pockets, \$3.50--not much over half price.  
Blue diagonal, faced, velvet collar, only \$4.  
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Take Elevator.

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3 yard long Nottingham Curtains, choice of four patterns, 75c. a pair.  
3-1/2 yard Nottinghams, 5 designs, \$1.25 a pair.  
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3-1/2 yard, white only; one design, \$1.50.  
Imitation Antique Lace, ecru, 3-1/2 yards long, \$2.  
4 yards long, white only, \$2.75.  
Real Irish Point Curtains in good patterns as low as \$2.75. Then up and up to \$3.  
3-1/2 yard Tamboured Lace, \$4.75 a pair. Or, others at \$2--and between.  
Real Brussels, \$15.  
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Same price in olive shading to recede.  
Five colorings, 30 inch dado; narrow dado at top; all these are heavily fringed. Ought to fetch \$12.50. Are going at \$8.50 a pair.  
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In old blue, wide, pretty dado, \$5.35 a pair. Who ever heard of such a cut?  
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Have you seen the new Opera Flannels? All colors; pretty stuffs; the plain are 49c a yard; the figured, 69c.

Pretty Warmness--Elderdown cloth--figured, 50c a yard.  
A new arrival of figured Flannels for wrappers has come in. Only \$7 1/2-c--and as pretty as can be.  
Astrakhan, black and all colors. Black, \$2.45, \$3.35, \$4.75 and \$5.50 a yard. Colors, \$3.75. The stuffs 1 1/4-3 yards wide.  
Rear Counter, Middle Aisle.

Here's eleven famous TOWEL items--unbeatable values; unusually pretty--

22x45 inch, Damask, knotted fringe, each border in several colors, a new thing, \$7 1/2-c.  
22x45 inch, Damask, knotted fringe, all white or colored borders, 50c. A most liberal offering.  
22x44, Huck--and what beats Huck? Any color border, 25c.  
21x40, Mummy Towels, any color border, 25c.  
20x30, Hemstitched Huck, unusually fine, 25c.  
21x35, Huck, light color borders, 20c.  
12x28, all-white Huck, 15c.  
15x22, Huck, 12 1/2-c.  
13x40, Honey-comb Towel, 8 1/2-c, \$1 a dozen.  
Turkish Towels, 17x34, only 5c.

East Aisle.

The arrival of 500 dozen more HANDKERCHIEFS completes the most varied holiday offering you'll find. Swiss, Linen, Silk and Chiffon. Here's a few items from hundreds of lots--

FOR LADIES.  
Swiss, embroidered and scalloped, 10c. Better at 12 1/2-c and 15 1/2-c.  
These usually sell for all-linen. They ain't 16 1/2-c each; prettily embroidered and scalloped.  
Other Swiss embroidered at 22, 25, 35 and 45c.  
Pure Linen, 20c, 50c, 75, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.75 and \$2.75 each--some perfectly lovely specimens of embroidery; the highest priced are Roman embroidered.  
Initial Handkerchiefs, 8c and 25c.  
China Silk Mufflers, any color, 50c.  
In Crepe de Chine, \$1.  
Silk Handkerchiefs, 10c to 75c. Embroidered.  
Chiffon, embroidered, 15c to \$2.25.

FOR MEN.  
Initialed, 12 1/2-c and 25c; wonderful value in Initialed Silk Handkerchiefs at 50c.  
Colored and Tape-border Handkerchiefs, 10, 12 1/2, 16 2/3 and 19c.  
Pure Linen, 16 2/3, 25c, 35c, 40c, 50, 75c and 85c.  
Silk Handkerchiefs, 35c to \$1.25.  
East Aisle.

Silk Mufflers, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.75 and \$2.  
Men's Goods, West of Front.

We had much to say of TOYS--but you saw them last night.

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Imitation Brussels, 3-1/2 yards long, \$4 the pair. Even our price has been \$5.  
20 pairs Chelsea Portieres at less than you ever paid--profits go to the wind; we'll hope to get cost--the maker's slowness in delivering the goods has piled them on us too late--mahogany, \$15.00, worth half as much more.  
Same price in olive shading to recede.  
Five colorings, 30 inch dado; narrow dado at top; all these are heavily fringed. Ought to fetch \$12.50. Are going at \$8.50 a pair.  
Five colorings, handsome dados, \$7.50 a pair.

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